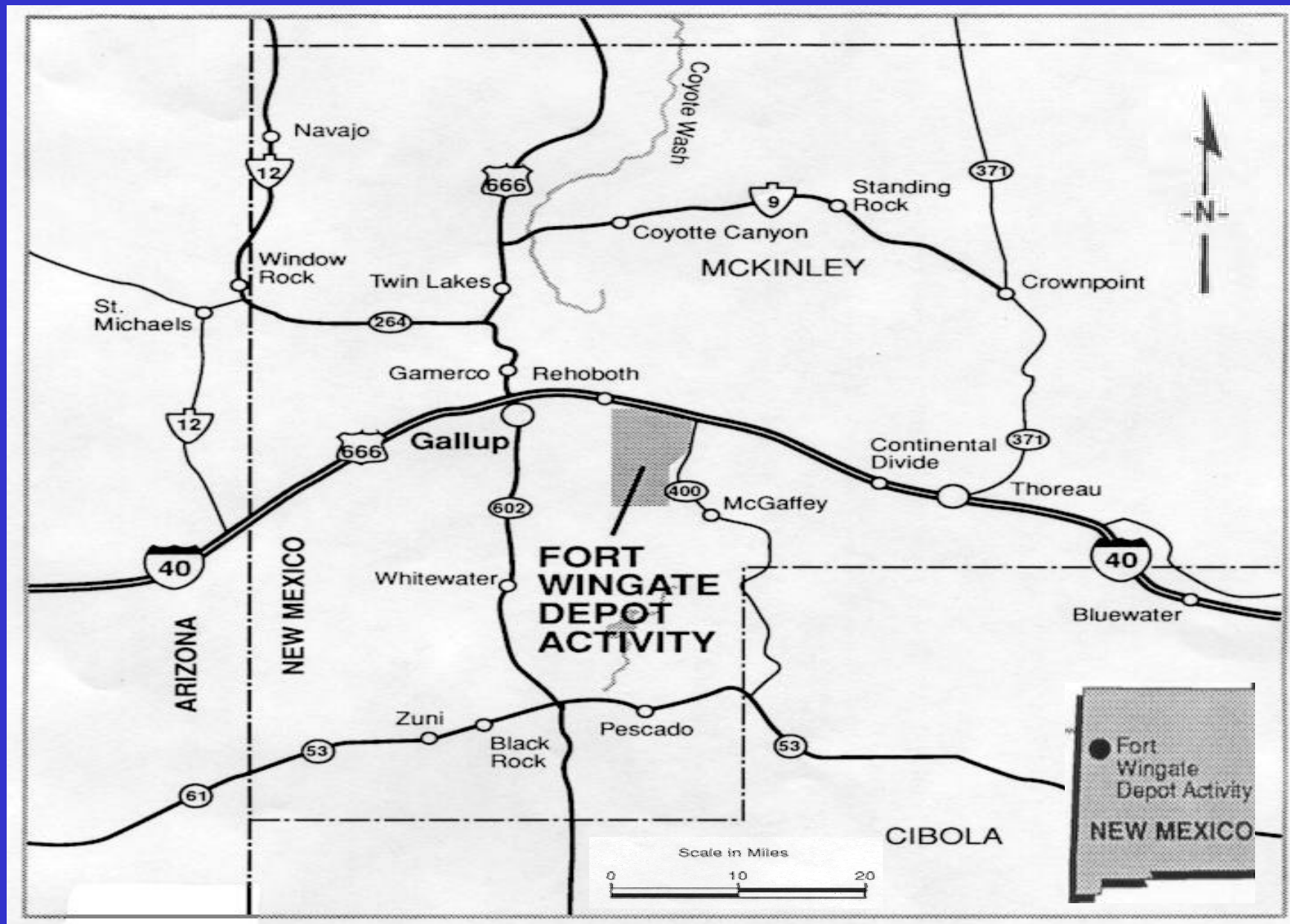


FORT WINGATE REMEDIATION EXPERIENCE



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FORT WINGATE DEPOT ACTIVITY



HISTORY

- **FORT WINGATE ESTABLISHED 1860**
 - **TROOP GARRISON UNTIL 1917**
 - **MUNITIONS DEPOT 1918 - 1993**
- **CLOSED 23 JAN 93**
 - **CLOSURE EIS 1991**
- **21,812 ACRES**
- **SURROUNDED BY CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST,
NAVAJO RESERVATION, AND ZUNI RESERVATION**

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **1600 FOOT ELEVATION GAIN ON INSTALLATION**
 - **FROM SCRUB LOWLAND TO PONDEROSA PINE**
- **HUNDREDS OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES**
- **PRISTINE ANASAZI RUINS**
- **PRIME WILDLIFE HABITAT**
 - **BISON, ANTELOPE, BEAR, COUGAR, ELK, DEER, TURKEY, EAGLE.....**
- **“OLD WEST” HISTORY**
 - **ZUNI TRAIL, NAVAJO “LONG WALK”, BLACK JACK PERSHING, DOUGLAS MacARTHUR**

REUSE

- **100% WITHDRAWN PUBLIC DOMAIN LAND (1870)**
 - **SHORT CIRCUITED NORMAL BRAC PROCESS**
 - **NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELINQUISH 1990 & 1995**
- **LRA FORMED MAR 94**
 - **DISBANDED FEB 95 DUE TO INTERNAL CONFLICTS**
- **REMEDICATION PROCEEDED WITHOUT LRA REUSE PLAN**

REUSE (CONTINUED)

- **DOI TO ACCEPT RELINQUISHMENT AFTER REMEDIATION**
 - **INTEND TO TRANSFER TO BIA FROM BLM**
 - **NAVAJO NATION REUSE PLAN ACCEPTED (1998)**
 - **LOCAL POLITICAL OPPOSITION**
- **OTHER FACTORS**
 - **BMDO**
 - **TPL**

REMEDIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- BRAC CLOSURE EIS COMPLETED
- RI/FS COMPLETED
- RAB & BCT ESTABLISHED
- UXO CLEARANCES NEARLY COMPLETED
- CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY COMPLETED
- OB/OD CLOSURE PLAN ACCEPTED BY STATE

SPECIAL ISSUES

- **BUFFALO HUNT FIASCO**
 - **STATE OWNED HERD**
 - **AGING BUFFALO**
 - **MOU PREDATED NEPA**
 - **HUNT STOPPED DUE TO NO EA**
 - **STATE IN LOSE/LOSE POSITION**

SPECIAL ISSUES (CONTINUED)

- **FENCED UP HORSE CANYON RUINS**
 - **ONE OF MOST PRISTINE ANASAZI SITES IN NATION**
 - **PROTECTED ON SECURE ARMY PROPERTY FOR 100+ YEARS**
 - **SPECIAL TRIBAL SIGNIFICANCE**
- **PARCELIZATION**
 - **22 SEPARATE PARCELS**
 - **BASED ON REMEDIATION SCHEDULE/REUSE PRIORITY**
 - **BMDO/ARMY/DOE-TRIBAL COOPERATION**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **BTC INVOLVED EARLY IN PROCESS WITH BCT & RAB**
- **TRIBES (NAVAJO & ZUNI) NOW HEAVILY INVOLVED IN PROCESS**
 - **ASKED TO JOIN RAB**
 - **ATTEND BCT MEETINGS**
- **ANGLO COMMUNITY INCLUDED IN REMEDIATION PROCESS**
 - **POLITICAL BASIS**
 - **WANT LAND FOR STATE PARK**
- **BTC ROLE IN REMEDIATION PRINCIPALLY AS MEDIATOR**